development of tourist infrastructure in Orissa State during the last three years are as under :—

Year	No. of projects	Amount sanctioned	Amount sanctioned	Amount released
			(Rupees in lakhs)	
1997-98	25		538.05	121.00
1998-99	4		170.60	52.30
1999-2000	29		563.05	171.38

Results of extension of working hours in Banks

*518. PROF. M.SANKARALINGAM .Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have undertaken any study to know the performance of the Nationalised Banks after extending their working hours;

(b) whether there is any improvement in the performance of these Banks after extending their working hours; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Extension of working hours of bank branches is a measure intended to provide additional service to customers, leading to a higher level of customer satisfaction and increase business of the bank. While the improvement in the performance of banks as a result of extended working hours cannot be quantified, a higher level of customer satisfaction is normally expected to lead to enhanced business in due course.

Study on floods in Assam

*519. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any study of the regular floods caused in Assam valley by the Brahmaputra river and its tributaries from the neighbouring States;

(b) if so, the details of the study reports for controlling the waters of the Brahmaputra river and its tributaries; and

(c) the measures taken for controlling the waters of different tributary rivers of the Brahmaputra rivers to give benefits to the concerned States?